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FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

THE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

How the Brotherhood of Players Will Run Base Ball Next Year.

The clubs to pool their earnings—each player a stockholder in his club—rearranging the salaries—how each player are to be paid.

The question whether there will be a national ball league next year is agitating the base ball public generally, but the question whether Washington will be represented by a first-class team is one which interests Washington particularly. From present appearances "no" will answer both questions. It looks very much as if the national league will be swallowed up by the brotherhood, and if this comes to pass Washington will be left out in the cold, for it is on the cards for the home club to be transferred to Buffalo.

THE SCHEME OF THE BROTHERHOOD,

which was outlined in Saturday's STAR, is a general further advanced than might be generally supposed. The preliminary arrangements have been published about it. The preliminary arrangements for the co-operative plan, on which the ball players intend to run base ball next year, so far as the league is concerned, have all been made, and those interested in it, including the best of the talent whose names are now carried on league contracts and a number of capitalists in eight different cities, are perfectly satisfied with the scheme. A STAR reporter who set out today to ascertain

ON WHAT THEIR CONFIDENCE IS BASED

was informed, in the first place, that grounds have been leased in every city which is to be represented by a club, except in Philadelphia. These cities are Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Buffalo. The Washington club will go to Buffalo and the Indianapolis club to Brooklyn. The former club will be strengthened by the addition of Horace White, so it is expected, and other changes will be made among the different clubs to equalize their playing strength. That part of the scheme, however, is to receive attention later on.

The STAR reporter was also informed (and his informant seemed to be remarkably well posted) that all the players who are wanted in the different clubs have already signed personal contracts for next year with the brotherhood representative, except the Washington men. It is stated that this was the business which took Captain Arthur Irwin over to Philadelphia last week.

Mr. Johnson, the Cleveland man with whom the players sign, is simply the representative of the brotherhood. Johnson is said to be worth \$500,000 millions. He owns several street railroads in Cleveland and is a first-class base ball crank. He is said to be willing to back Cleveland up to any amount.

THE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN,

it is stated, was the result primarily of the unequal salaries of the players. John Ward now gets \$4,500 in New York, while Jack Glascock, as good, if not a superior player, gets but \$2,500 in Indianapolis, where he is forced to play because of no money elsewhere. In fact every player will be an interested party, and the salary lists will be rearranged so that a good player in a small town will be just as well off as one in a big city, and a player of equal ability in New York or Boston.

THE DETAILS.

To explain, with Glascock and Ward for examples (although the figures may not be correct), Glascock's salary will be raised to \$3,000 and he will be given \$500 worth of stock in the brotherhood. If he declines, his salary will be reduced to \$3,000 and he will be given a similar amount of stock. The salaries of all players will be decided upon by a committee consisting of one player from each club, and the lists will be rearranged without regard to the drawing ability of any particular city, because at the end of the season everything is to be evened up.

THE BACKING OF EACH CLUB

will come from capitalists in its particular city, generally those interested in the ball grounds, and the money they may be called upon to put up, within a certain limit, will be represented by that amount of stock in the brotherhood. Thus, if the Baltimore club were to get the grounds to the New York club, if the club does not make enough to meet running expenses, will go down into his pocket with the expectation of the amount advanced and more, too, returned to him at the end of the season. Each club will get half of the gate receipts of every game in which it plays.

AT THE END OF THE SEASON

if, after the running expenses have been paid, salaries of players and officials not provided for, etc., there is any money in the treasury, it will be paid into the brotherhood pool and distributed as dividends to stockholders, or rather the stockholders are to receive their money first and if anything is left over will be divided among the players according to their standing with the classification list as a basis, so that the best players will get the most money.

AN OBSTACLE.

An apparent difficulty arises in the matter of releases. A player who signs now might be found wanting next May, and the question of what would become of him might cause some of the worst wrangling the amount advanced. However, it is thought that the system of signing will be the same as that now in vogue. A player will be paid for the time they serve and will be engaged for a definite time, and if anything is left over when a player is released he is on the market just as he is now.

BATS AND BALLS.

It is claimed that all arrangements have been made for furnishing base ball supplies. Spalding and Reach are to be ignored and Wright and Ditson will furnish all balls, bats, &c. The Boston club has agreed to supply the Boston club, George Wright will have depot in Philadelphia, Tim Keefe in New York, Pfeffer in Chicago and so on in the different cities.

WHAT WILL THE LEAGUE DO?

There is no denying the fact that the league must realize the importance of the situation and will do anything possible to break up the brotherhood scheme before it has gone too far. What they will do cannot be learned. President Young is unwilling to say a word on the subject. It would seem that the only thing to do now is to go right in the ranks of the players and tempt them with good offers to break with the brotherhood. This is what is being done, and the wrangling will be war to the knife, by placing a league club in each city composed of the best material to be obtained and trust to the public to decide the matter in the end.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

has not yet been taken into the brotherhood's fold in this respect, but it is probable that some of the best players will be coaxed over for next year, and the year following an effort will be made to run the American association clubs on a co-operative plan if the present schedule succeeds.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The police tripartite of Paris has imposed a fine of 625 francs on M. Lejeune, a member of the chamber of deputies for the department of Indre, for keeping a gambling place. A notorious bookmaker named Valentine was fined 1,250 francs. The club has been suppressed by the authorities.

Prince Bismarck has refused to grant a charter to the Southwest African company.

M. Lalou and M. Canivet, two Parisian editors, became involved in a dispute, the outcome of which was a duel. The latter occurred Saturday. M. Lalou was wounded in the hand.

According to the Bucharest correspondent of the Exchange telegraph company 2,000 houses in the principal cities of Roumania have been mortgaged in order that the owners may visit the United States and the United Kingdom and their jewels in order to raise the necessary funds.

Cardinal Laviegrie proposes the formation of independent national committees on the slave question, and that the committees hold an annual meeting under the supervision of the pope.

The latest returns of the general elections of August 81 in Brazil give to the liberals 96 per cent of the opposition parties 90 members in the house of representatives.

Six cotton mills at Blackburn, England, have been closed, owing to the depressed state of trade.

Chakir Pasha, the governor of Crete, has banished from the island four prominent Christians.

Virginia Nominations.

Democratic legislative nominations have been made in Virginia within the past few days as follows: House—Synth and Bland, John Burton; Rappahannock, W. T. Tancy; Robertson, G. D. Leiber and J. M. Johnson; Pittsylvania, C. H. Smith; Shenandoah, J. A. Harrison; Loudoun and Fauquier, J. S. Mason; Seventy-fifth district, W. E. Wood of Chirolois.

Senate—James L. McCreary, James L. McCreary, David Beard and George W. McCreary, Albemarle county; Banks, Dr.